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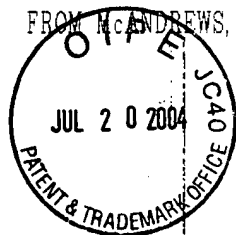
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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Attorney Docket Number 121713 (13524USP1)

In the Application of:

Scott William Petrick

Examiner: Courtney D. Thomas

Serial No. 10/063,181

Filed: March 28, 2002

Group Art Unit: 2882

Title: Methods And Apparatus For  
Providing Signal Dependent Offset  
And Gain Adjustments For A Solid  
State X-Ray Detector

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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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Dear Examiner Thomas:

The Applicant respectfully requests that the following Comments on the reasons  
for allowance be added to the file.

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**REMARKS**

Claims 1-28 are allowed. The Applicant appreciates the Examiners allowance of these claims and respectfully submits the following Comments on the Statement of Reasons for Allowance:

The Applicant respectfully submits that the Reasons for Allowance may potentially import interpretations into the claims in relation to the prior art that are unnecessarily limited and may place unwarranted interpretations upon the claims.

Such a characterization of the claims in view of the prior art may not properly take into account the Applicant's claimed invention as reflected in the claims, the specification and the prosecution history of the present application. Applicant believes that the claims, the specification, and the prosecution history in their entirety provide an adequate basis for the allowability of the claims.

Additionally, specific parts of the Examiner's reasons for allowance may pertain to limitations appearing in some of the claims, but not others of the claims. The Applicant respectfully submits that the Examiner has thoroughly examined the claims, recognized the limitations appearing or not appearing in each of the claims, and properly found the claims to be allowable based on the record.

For example, the present allowed claims include independent claims 1, 10, and 21. In the Reasons for Allowance, the Examiner recited various portions of claims from which no reference in the prior art disclosed or made obvious. However, the Applicant

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submits that no reference in the prior art discloses or makes obvious the claims as a whole, as opposed to individual limitations.

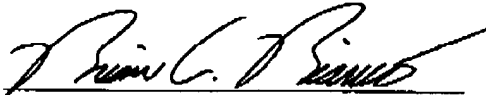
**CONCLUSION**

If the Examiner has any questions or the Applicant can be of any assistance, the Examiner is invited and encouraged to contact the Applicant at the number below.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any necessary fees or credit any overpayment to the deposit account 070845.

Respectfully submitted,

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